

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 14 and 16-27 are active in the present application. Claims 3-8, 14 and 18 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Original "use" Claims 9-13 and 15 have been deleted and replaced with new "method" Claims 19-24. New Claims 19-27 have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the original claims. No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--3. (Amended) A liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], comprising, as further additives in component B),

b1) at least one photoinitiator,

b2) at least one reactive thinner containing photopolymerizable groups, and if desired,

b3) diluents,

and, if desired, further additives selected from the group consisting of components C), D) and E).

4. (Amended) Liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], comprising component C) and, if desired, further additives selected from the group consisting of components B), D) and E).

5. (Amended) Liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], comprising component B) ,

b1) at least one photoinitiator,

b2) at least one reactive thinner containing photopolymerizable groups, and, if desired,

b3) diluents,

component C) and, if desired, further additives selected from the group consisting of components D) and E).

6. (Amended) Liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in [claims 1 to 5] claim 1, in which the proportions of compounds of the formula Ia and/or Ib in component A) is from 40 to 99.5% by weight, based on the total amount of component A).

7. (Amended) Liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in [claims 1 to 6] claim 1, in which $Z^1\text{-}Y^1$ -, $Z^2\text{-}Y^2$, $Z^3\text{-}Y^5$ and, if present, $Z^4\text{-}Y^6$ - are selected from the group consisting of methacryloyloxy, acryloyloxy and vinyloxy.

8. (Amended) Liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in [claims 1 to 7] claim 1, having a viscosity of from 0.5 to 10.0 Pa·s at 20°C.

14. (Amended) A polymer or polymerized film obtained by polymerizing a liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in [claims 1 to 8] claim 1.

18. (Amended) A substrate to which a liquid-crystalline composition as claimed in [claims 1 to 8 or a polymer or polymerized film as claimed in claim 14] claim 1 has been applied [or which has been printed or coated by a process as claimed in claim 16 or 17].

Claims 19-27 (New).--